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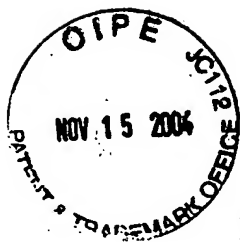
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Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the first Office Action dated August 11, 2004. The three-month period for replying to the Office Action expires on November 11, 2004. However, since the Office was closed on November 11, 2004 due to a federal holiday, this Amendment "A" and Response is timely filed.

Please review the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks.